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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)
8404.011

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Application Number: **10/687,979**
Filed: **10/17/2003**

Art Unit: **3644**
Examiner: **F. Palo**

Title: **METHOD FOR PROVIDING A DECORATIVE COVER FOR A FLORAL GROUPING**

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- (1) Petition fee.
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee-required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

- ☐ Small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(I)). Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☒ Other than small entity – fee \$ **500.00** (37 CFR 1.17(I)).

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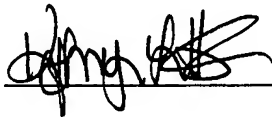
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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

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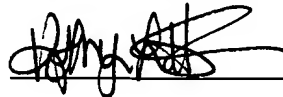
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(In the space provided below, please explain in detail the reasons for the delay in filing a proper reply.)

A copy of the Office Action mailed June 15, 2004 was never received by Applicant's representative. Attached hereto as evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action is a docket sheet for the subject application printed from the docketing software PATTSY® (OP Solutions, Inc.). The docket sheet demonstrates that as of December 17, 2004, Applicant's representative was not aware of the Office Action. This was over six months after the Office Action was mailed, and therefore the application was unavoidably abandoned before Applicant's representative became aware of the Office Action. The Examiner called Applicant's representative on December 17, 2004 to determine if the application was intentionally abandoned, and therefore Applicant first became aware of the Office Action on December 17, 2004, after the unavoidable abandonment of the application.

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